

consultants to go for a piecemeal study. As and when this piecemeal study is complete, we will definitely take necessary action.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Shortage of Housing Units

†*222. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an estimation about the shortage of housing units in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated shortage of housing units by the end of March, 2006;

(c) whether Government have fixed any target regarding the construction of housing units upto 2008-09; and

(d) if so, the number of housing units to be constructed under the said target and the total amount incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) As per the Tenth Plan document, the housing shortage in urban areas at the end of Ninth Plan and the beginning of the Tenth Plan was 8.89 million. The total number of houses required during the Tenth Plan Period (2002-2007) was assessed at 22.44 million.

(c) and (d) Government of India has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to cope with the problem of shortage in housing and infrastructure services in a mission mode for 63 select cities. Under 'Basic Services for the Urban Poor' (BSUP), a sub-mission of JNNURM, provision of improved housing is aimed for urban poor. For remaining cities not covered under the Mission, a scheme namely 'Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme' (IHSDP) has been launched alongwith JNNURM. The component of assistance under the scheme would include upgradation/new construction of houses and infrastructural facilities like water supply and sanitation as part of slum improvement. Both JNNURM and IHSDP are demand driven schemes and the quantum of progress

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depends upon proposals submitted by State Governments/Local bodies. Under BSUP, 68 projects have been approved at a total cost of Rs. 4539.23 crore with a Central Share of Rs. 2359.29 crore covering 2.59 lakh dwelling units. Under Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme, 76 projects have been approved at a total cost of Rs. 831.49 crore with a Central Share of Rs. 602.71 crore covering 0.62 lakh dwelling units.

Four-laning of Gandhidam Mundra section of NH-8

*229. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four-laning of Gandhidam Mundra Section of NH-8 (Extn.) of length of 73 Km. in Gujarat has been approved by Government under the National Highways Development Project;

(b) the steps that have been taken for consultancy services for feasibility study to consider the possibility of award of this section on (DBFO) Design-Built-Finance-Operate basis; and

(c) if not, by when proposed action would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Bids for consultancy services for preparation of feasibility-cum-preliminary design of this stretch have been received by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on Design-Built-Finance-Operate (DBFO) pattern from the consultants.

More houses for homeless by 2009

*230. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aiming at sixty lakh more houses for the homeless by 2009;

(b) if so, the progress achieved so far, State-wise; and

(c) the future action plan prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Since 1998-